

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

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No. 3:05CV355-K

BILLY G. STRICKLAND,
INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF
ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED

Plaintiffs,

v.

GUIDANT CORPORATION AND
GUIDANT SALES CORPORATION

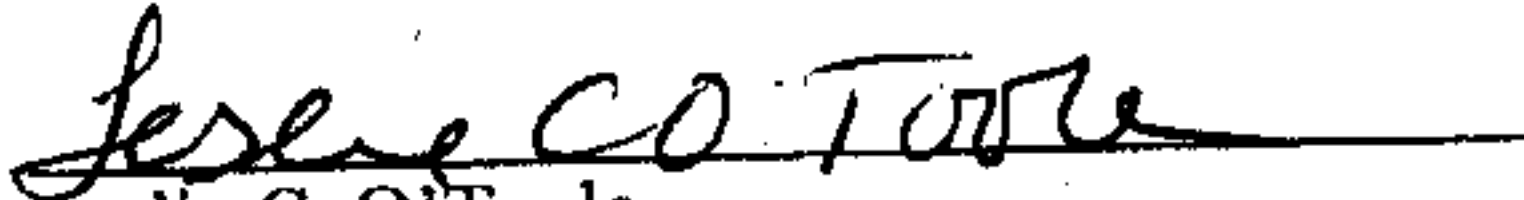
Defendants.

STIPULATION OF EXTENSION OF
TIME IN WHICH TO FILE ANSWER
OR OTHERWISE PLEAD

NOW COME the Defendants, Guidant Corporation and Guidant Sales Corporation ("Guidant"), by and through undersigned counsel and the Plaintiff, Billy G. Strickland, by and through undersigned counsel, stipulating to an extension of time for the filing of the answer or other responsive motion or pleading by Defendant Guidant, extending such periods to the 10th day of October 2005.

This the 31st day of August 2005.

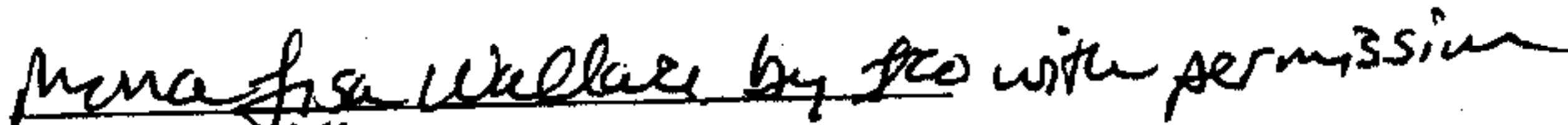
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IT IS SO ORDERED, this the 2nd day of September, 2005.



DAVID C. KEESLER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE